

Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the November 6, 2002 Office Action, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, or in other words, claims 1-11, 20 and 21.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

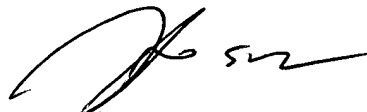
Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. In the November 6, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner restricted claims 1-21 to one of Invention I consisting of claims 1-11, 20 and 21 and Invention II consisting of 12-19, the Examiner required Applicants to elect one of the two inventions.

In this response, Applicants have elected Invention I, consisting of claims 1-11, 20, and 21, without traverse.

II. Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the elected invention is in a condition for prosecution on the merits. Favorable consideration and allowance of this application is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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